

**Congregation at Prayer** Aug 6, 2017

**The Order of Meditation and Prayer for Daily Use**

(Pray and confess out loud as much of the Order of Meditation as possible)

**Theme for the Week:** Arrive empty; leave full

**Invocation** (Spoken while making the sign of the cross to remember your baptism)  
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Apostle's Creed**

**Learn by Heart Verse** (Practice saying this verse word for word, out loud, throughout the day)

**Matt 7:15-16a** "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits.

**From the Catechism** (Read together and discuss briefly)

<b>Lord's Prayer – First Petition</b>  <b>Hallowed be Thy name.</b>  <i>What does this mean?</i> God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.	Kindergarten +
<i>How is God's name kept holy?</i> God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!	Third Grade +

**Daily Bible Readings**

Sunday	Beware of False Prophets—Matthew 7:15-23
Monday	Jesus Blesses the Children—Matthew 19:13-15
Tuesday	The Rich Young Ruler—Matthew 19:16-30
Wednesday	The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard—Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday	Jesus Predicts His Passion a Third Time—Matthew 20:17-28
Friday	Two Blind Men Receive Their Sight—Matthew 20:29-34
Saturday	Looking Ahead

## **Daily Themes for Prayer:**

Sunday: Pray that the joy of the Resurrection would be seen in us; that the fruits of faith, nourished by the Word and Sacraments, would be evident in us and among us.

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of your Baptism; for your calling and daily work; pray for your family members by name. Pray for those you know who are not yet believers in Jesus or who are unchurched that they would come to know and respond to the Savior's love for them.

Tuesday: Pray for deliverance in the face of temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those caught in cycle of sinful behavior.

Wed: Pray for marriage and family: that husbands and wives, parents and children live in harmony according to the Word of God; for families devastated by divorce; for parents who must raise children alone.

Thursday: Pray for Christ's Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for the faithful and fruitful use of Word and Sacrament among us.

Friday: Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and the sharing of the Good News of His death and Resurrection in our neighborhoods and throughout the whole world. Pray for the sick and dying. Pray that you would have compassion for them and their families going through difficult days.

Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end for His people; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's gifts of Word and Sacrament.

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Going with God's Blessing**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

### **Looking Ahead** (Take a look at the readings for next Sunday)

Job 38:4–18

Rom. 10:5–17

Matt. 14:22–33